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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1206 crashes as compared to 1043 crashes in April of 2005. This was an increase of 13.5%. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 2 crashes. In actual numbers there were 7 fatal crashes in April 2006 and 5 fatal crashes in April 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 3.4% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 60 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 0 fatalities; 8 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 52 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.9% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,353 crash reports and 374 arrest reports during April 2006. This resulted in 6,543 crash reports being mailed out, 6.3% more than last year. There were 750 visitors to the front office that required services which was an increase of 17.7% when compared to April 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 25,495 CAD incidents and 30,474 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 10.4% in April 2006, as compared to April 2005. Total DUI arrests were up 5.7% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were down 1.7% as compared to April 2005. Occupant restraint violations were down 19.9% over April 2005.

Southern Command personnel have taken a joint effort in enhancing our service to our communities. Our focus to increase public safety through quality traffic enforcement is designed to enhance the safety of the motoring public on the roadway systems in the Las Vegas Valley. It is the intent of the Southern Command to decrease the severity of traffic related crashes or incidents through the directed enforcement use of our increased staffing and create an environment that our citizens and visitors to Nevada will enjoy on our freeway system. The Southern Command commends all of those in our command area that are working toward the betterment of public safety.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	April 2006		April 2005	% Change		March 2006	% Change
Total crashes	1206		1043	13.5%		1276	-5.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	918		762	20.4%		961	-4.0%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	281		276	1.8%		309	9%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7		5	40.0%		6	16.6%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	75		57	31.5%		75	0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	11		5	120%		14	-214%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		0	400%		5	500%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	4		2	100%		1	300%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100%		1	100%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100%		1	0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	11		2	450.0%		6	83.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	60		58	3.4%		75	-20%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	52		42	21.4%		64	-20.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		15	-46.6%		9	-11.1%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	100.0%		2	200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.05 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 72.2 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.9 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 13.5% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 3.4% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes increased 1.8% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	April 2006		April 2005	% Change		March 2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	56		57	-1.7%		66	15.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	163		150	8.6%		181	-5.7%
Other arrests	973		872	11.5%		1060	-8.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	378		388	-2.5%		444	14.8%
Speed violations	3438		2543	35.1%		3281	4.7%
Hazardous moving violations	2009		2126	-5.5%		2840	-29.2%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	416		478	-12.9%		620	-32.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	9735		8813	10.4%		11153	-12.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	68		56	21.4%		154	-55.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	131		80	63.7%		256	-48.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	443		405	9.3%		731	-39.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0%		6	-600%
Total safety violations -- citation	271		207	30.9%		336	-19.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1140		1533	-25.6%		1404	-18.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	88		81	8.6%		93	-5.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	68		54	25.9%		93	-26.8%
Total school buses inspected	341		243	40.3%		275	19.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	49		45	8.8%		38	28.9%
Total trucks weighed	634		242	161.9%		81	682.7%
Total overweight citations	88		63	39.6%		70	25.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	474		398	19%		502	5.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		2	200%		11	45.5%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	1		19		1
Safety Violations Citation	0		18		1
Safety Violations Repair Order	6		70		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		10		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		1		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.147 %
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 0 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 7.0 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 49.9 % from last year and up 24.4 % from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 123 % from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 7.3 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April 2006		April 2005	% Change		March 2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Trans. From Consoles	94,840		135,736	-30.1%		131,976	-28.1%
Radio Trans & Receptions	657,438		NA	NA		707,376	-7.1%
CAD Incidents	25,495		16699	52.7%		27,783	-8.2%
Telephone Calls	30,474		333862	-10.0%		33,571	-9.7%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	35		114	69.3%		125	-72.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1353		1071	26.3%		1,263	7.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	374		336	11.3%		373	0.3%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	27		17	58.8%		15	80.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	117		186	-37.1%		152	-23.0%
Visitors at Counter	750		637	17.7%		1,392	-46.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6543		6158	6.3%		6,972	-6.2%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	364		461	-21.0%		310	17.4%
Warrants Entered	253		397	-36.3 %		239	5.9%
Warrants Cleared	198		201	-1.5 %		198	%
Warrants Validated	1595		1121	-42.3 %		1,566	1.9 %
Extradition / Transports	12		13	-7.7 %		8	50.0 %
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	85		130	-34.1 %		105	-19.0 %
New Items Submitted	147		233	-36.9 %		167	-12.0 %
Items Disposed	57		2321	-97.5 %		13	338.5 %

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 10 Contracts requiring 393.5 work hours, billing \$ 24,443.55.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 88.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 9.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigations responsible for 1.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshall responsible for 1.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 2 from the public to sworn
- ✱ 46 from the command to sworn

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Public Requests for Information: 198**

- 13 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints1
- 85 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 11

- 8 were Fatal related

"The Gate of Change is Locked on the INSIDE."

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